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AUTUMN ADVENTURE IN THE ALPS

Young English climbers scale 12,000-foot peak

JUST before the early autumn snows came, preventing climbers in the Alps from venturing across the glaciers and scaling the peaks, a party of young English climbers ascended a 12,000-foot mountain on the Swiss-Italian frontier. The experience gave them a thrilling glimpse into a strange but lovely region, as we see from this account of their climb sent by a CN correspondent who accompanied them.

The party set out from Arolla, one of the highest mountain villages in Switzerland, lying 6000 feet up in a remote valley. Above it tower some of the giants of the Alps, and the snouts of the great glaciers push their way towards its isolated chalets.

The path leads alongside the Arolla Glacier, which the Swiss Government is piercing in a search for more and more water supplies underneath the vast masses of ice. Three times a day and once at midnight the boom of dynamite is heard, and tons of rock and ice hurtle down the mountain sides.

The first stage was a steady climb of five hours along a narrow rock track which twisted and turned on the contours. The hot autumn sun made the climb even more exhausting. Then the long range of snow-covered peaks came into view, and the Glacier de Bertol showed its glistening face.

COUNTING MADE EASY

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SOUND METHOD

Sound may soon help with the weekly wash in Hungary, where two technicians have invented an electric sonic washing machine.

Clothes are placed in a tub with some washing powder and sound waves "shake" out the dirt—more quickly and efficiently, it is claimed, than ordinary washing machines.

At this point the guide decided to rope the climbers together, as the snow on the glacier was soft and the crevasses were wider than usual on account of the hot sun all day.

Slipping on the snow, the party slowly mounted another 1000 feet to the foot of the great rock on which the Swiss Alpine Club has perched one of its huts more than 11,000 feet up. The precipitous rock has footholds cut in its bare face, and the Club has fastened a chain to assist the weary up the last few feet.

EVENING COFFEE

Owing to the lateness of the season there was no warden in the hut, so the party had to build a little fire in the grate and melt snow to obtain water for the evening coffee.

From the tiny window the tip of the Matterhorn was in sight, gathering a tremendous garland of golden clouds as the sun went down.

While the rays of the sun lasted the white expanse round the little cabin seemed to have its own light, but as soon as the sun finally disappeared the cold world of ice and snow descended. With three candles to light the hut the party lay down on the comfortable mattresses—high, remote, but warm among the icy peaks.

EARLY START

No Alpine climbers leave their mountain refuge without making it fit for the next occupants, and as this party was probably the last of the season, work began at four o'clock in the morning. More snow was stacked in the long churns provided, and the cabin was swept and carefully locked up.

Then out onto the seemingly endless sweep of snow-glacier, tightly roped and taking no risks at this lonely hour. The surface was crisp and easy to walk on, and the guide led upwards to the soft, rounded peak of the Tête Blanche, 12,300 feet, in the morning light.

It was eight o'clock when the party shook hands on the summit of the Tête Blanche—with some feet in Italy and some in Switzerland! For a while they watched the mighty pinnacle of the Matter-

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Keeping Up With Grandfather

Roger Hughes and his grandfather, Mr. Charles Denny of Tooting, enjoy a spin on their penny-farthing bicycles



TWEED FOR A QUEEN

A length of ice-blue Harris tweed is to be presented to Queen Salote of Tonga as a token of goodwill from the Hebrides to the Friendly Islands.

It has been handwoven by a crofter's daughter, Mrs. Christina Nicholson of Stornoway, and will be presented to Queen Salote through the Colonial Office. During Queen Salote's visit to Scotland she expressed her admiration for Harris tweed and said that she liked blue.

VARIETY IN PETS

Few people can have a wider assortment of pets than Lord Tweedsmuir, who at various times has kept four types of hawk, a fox, a badger, a cheetah, a spur-winged goose, a small African antelope, a monkey, and two baby polar bears.

He had also, said Lady Tweedsmuir, addressing the annual congress of the British Veterinary Association held at Aberdeen, kept "the usual cats, dogs, and white mice."

FOOTBALL ON ICE

The first British whaling ship to enter Antarctic waters this season will be the Southern Opal, now outward bound with 500 Scots and Norwegians aboard. She will hunt off South Georgia.

The usual three-months season is likely to be prolonged, as the countries sending expeditions have agreed to restrict the number of catcher boats. In addition there will be no sperm whale fishing this year.

Aboard the Southern Opal the lockers of the whalers are stocked with footballs, musical instruments, and indoor games such as darts and tiddley-winks. Already a band has been formed.

The footballs will be specially cared for, because the big sporting events on the rocky island of South Georgia are the games played on a pitch marked out on a level area on a glacier.

Football of a kind will also be played at sea, for the whalers have evolved a cloth ball which will not bounce overboard from the deck.

BAMBI ON THE HEARTH

Out on a forestry patrol, Mr. Joe Edmondson, of Boltby, near Thirsk, found a little red deer caught up in some wire. It was only a few hours old.

He carried the animal to his cottage and during the next few weeks his wife tended it carefully.

Today the deer (Bambi to the Edmondsons) has grown into a fine specimen.

It has never been kennelled or tethered and roams at will; but when grazing with the stock on the hillside it will bound back to the cottage upon hearing Mrs. Edmondson's voice, and is completely happy sitting on the hearth beside a blazing log fire.

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TROUBLED TRIESTE

C N Diplomatic Correspondent

ONCE again the bitter Italian-Yugoslav dispute over the free territory of Trieste has the close attention of the Western Powers.

The whole bewildering problem concerns an area at the top of the Adriatic Sea not very much bigger than the Isle of Wight. But it is one that has so far baffled some of the world's most skilled diplomats, the difficulty being to find a solution that is acceptable both to the rival claimants and to the Trieste peoples themselves.

By the terms of the Italian Peace Treaty of 1947 it was decided to establish the free territory of Trieste under a Governor to be named by the United Nations.

Until that was done—and it was never done owing to Soviet objections whenever a choice was attempted—the area was to have a military Government. This was administered by the three countries which had freed the territory from the Germans—the Yugoslavs from the East; the British and Americans from the West.

The area was already divided into two zones. Zone A, including the city and port of Trieste, came under Anglo-American guardianship; Zone B was governed by the Yugoslavs.

Between the two zones the boundary line became more like a national frontier. The people of Trieste call it the Velvet Curtain. If they have identity cards they may cross from one zone to the other. Apart from that there are the normal national frontier re-

strictions. In Zone A the Italian lira is the currency; in Zone B the Yugoslav dinar is used.

As long ago as March 1948, the Western Powers (including France, which had been concerned in the Italian Peace Treaty) recognised the dangers of the situation, and recommended that the whole of the territory should be restored to Italian sovereignty. It was never any more than a recommendation, but Italy has ever since regarded it as a promise to be fulfilled.

A few months later Yugoslavia broke away from Russian influence, and the Western Powers became less suspicious of her. Moreover, an increasing number of Triestines then began to think that the restitution of Trieste to Italy might after all not be the best solution.

VARIOUS PLANS

Yugoslav has since gone some way to incorporating Zone B into her national economy, and Italy protests at this, for it has been estimated that at least half the people in this zone are Italians.

What solutions have been proposed to end the problem?

One is partition—a suggestion which horrifies the Triestines, for it is unlikely that a divided Trieste could ever return to prosperity.

In any event Italy believes passionately that the whole territory is rightfully hers, and Yugoslavia just as grimly rejects this contention.

At various times a condominium of both powers (joint control) has been suggested, but Italy has rejected this. Then it was thought that if Italy were to offer Yugoslavia some permanent rights in the vital port of Trieste a settlement could be reached.

CONFERENCE PROPOSED

In the past few weeks Marshal Tito, President of Yugoslavia, has proposed that the port should be internationalised, and has put forward plans.

Italy also recoiled from these, and then her Prime Minister, Signor Pella, proposed a five-power conference consisting of the three Western Powers concerned, plus Italy and Yugoslavia, to organise a plebiscite for the free territory. Let a free vote decide its future, he urged.

Marshal Tito, in turn, rejects the idea of a plebiscite, declaring that Slovenes loyal to Yugoslavia who live in the territory would be endangered. But he also has declared himself in favour of a conference to try to come to grips with the problem.

This is the one point on which the rival claimants seem to be agreed. They are at least willing to talk over the problem, even though they seem as far from agreement as ever.

Quest for the Golden Plough

Next week many expert tillers of the soil will be looking to their ploughshares at Cobourg in Ontario, where the first World Ploughing Contest is to be held. The winner will receive a Golden Plough.

The champions of eleven countries are competing. In the British team is Leslie Dixon, aged 47, from Billingham-on-Tees in Durham, the winner of 96 championships and first prizes. His brother, horse-ploughman John, has competed in matches since he was 14.

Their father entered his first contest in 1895 and afterwards won 263 championships. Their grandfather and two uncles won 158 first prizes between them.

Furrowing skill quite evidently runs in families. Britain's champion horse-ploughman, Reginald A. Hogg of Northallerton, has a son of 14 who represented his school in a ploughing match and won second prize at his first attempt.

Gift donkey



Charlie the donkey was given to the Save the Children Fund's international home at Inworth, Essex, by the Donkey Society of Wivelsfield Green, in Sussex. With the donkey are two Greek children who have been staying at the home.

HELPING HAND

Scottish University students have completed the voluntary task of harvesting the crops of aged and infirm crofters in Wester Ross.

Working from dawn to dusk, the students not only cut the corn and stooked the hay, but dug peat for the old folk's winter fuel.

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News from Everywhere

CLOCKS BACK

Summer Time ends at 2 a.m. on October 4, so clocks and watches should be put back one hour on Saturday night.

When the Queen visits Auckland, New Zealand, she will be presented with a seven-foot yacht for Prince Charles.

Fourteen-year-old John Trevor Wilson has been appointed organist of Hopton Parish Church, Mirfield, Yorkshire.

BULL IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

A sheepskin jacket has been made as winter covering for a young bull born without hair on a farm in Connecticut.

An anonymous letter containing a £1 note and the words "One month's salary from a bush organist" has been received by Sir William McKie, the organist of Westminster Abbey, who is visiting Australia to appeal for funds to restore the Abbey.

Several hundredweights of soap have been found by workmen excavating a blitzed site in Exeter.

A CATCH IN IT

While Mr. A. Jones of Brownhills, Staffordshire, was pike-fishing he felt a tug on his line and found that he had caught a cormorant.

Evening classes for the study of the Irish language and literature have been started at the Liverpool College of Commerce.

GIANT VEGETABLES

A West Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire, man has grown a cabbage which is 13 feet round, four feet across, and weighs 16½ lbs. A Scarborough man dug from his garden a potato 18 inches round and weighing 2½ lbs.

During his visit to the United States, Crown Prince Akihito presented President Eisenhower with a brightly-coloured silk screen as a token of goodwill from the Emperor.

Archaeologists at Fakenham, Suffolk, may have come across the site of an ancient jeweller's shop, for they have discovered 60 Saxon rings—said to be the biggest collection ever found.

AT BAKER STREET AGAIN

Next Monday the Sherlock Holmes Society will name a London Transport electric locomotive "Sherlock Holmes" at Baker Street Station.

The Ford Motor Company in America has produced its 40 millionth car.

The prizes in this year's schools competitions organised by the London Flower Lovers' League are being presented at the County Hall this Thursday. The best garden was at Rathfern Infants' School, Catford, and the John Rennie Primary School of Stepney had the best flower-box. About 600 schools competed.

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WATCH FOR NEW CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NEW ENGINE FOR SPOTTERS

The first of a new class of locomotive just built for British Railways is a small tank engine weighing just over 63 tons. The type is to be used for branch-line work on the London Midland Region.

They contain such modern developments as a self-cleaning smoke-box, rocking grate with self-emptying ashpan, all-weather cab with front, side, and back windows, controls arranged so that the driver can work them without moving from his seat, and a coal bunker shaped to give a clear view to the driver when the engine is travelling backwards.

Twenty such engines will be built and they will be numbered 84000 to 84019.

MAROONED ON A BARREN REEF

Three Sydney men have had the grim experience of being shipwrecked some 115 miles from the Queensland coast.

They were travelling from New Guinea to Cairns in Queensland when they ran into a storm, and their sloop was driven onto a barren reef 115 miles from the mainland.

When day dawned they saw the wreck of a freighter on the rocks two miles away and rowed out to it in their dinghy. After a week spent near the wreck their food was nearly exhausted, and their only drinking water was puddles of rain left in the rusty hull of the wreck weeks earlier.

Relief came when they were spotted by a R.A.A.F. plane and later rescued by a British tanker.

BRIGHT BOY

When a fire-engine tore past his home in Forest Town, Nottinghamshire, eleven-year-old Robin White took 12 action pictures with a camera given to him only the day before.

He took the photographs to his local newspaper office, and was more than delighted when he later found one of them had been printed.

But he has no ambition to be a press photographer; he wants to be an architect—like his father.



Sent in error

These tortoises were among the 8000 from Yugoslavia delivered in error to a German firm near Nuremberg. Turtles had been ordered, but there was a mistake in translation and this was the result.

OLD POTS FROM BRILL

A potter working on the hillside at Brill, Buckinghamshire, found that one of the shapely pots from the batch he had just heated in his kiln was overfired; and that another had been put in too wet and had blistered. He took the good ones away and left the faulty ones where they were.

That happened 600 years ago. This summer the "rejects" were found by a young archaeologist, Mr. W. E. M. Jope, a lecturer on archaeology at Queen's University, Belfast.

Altogether four kilns have been unearthed, including one dating from the 13th century. Some of the finds are being given to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, which provided the funds for the work of excavating the site; others will go to various museums in the district.

OLD TALES TOLD AGAIN

Signs of a revival of interest in the yarns of G. A. Henty are the arrival at the C.N. office of new editions of two of his books—With Clive in India and The Bravest of the Brave (W. Foulsham, 5s. each).

The first, with much brightly-told historical detail, takes us to India with an English lad, Charlie Marryat. In the second tale we go with an adventure-seeking youth of Queen Anne's day to take part in the War of the Spanish Succession.

Henty was a grand story-teller, but he wrote for a more leisurely age, and the publishers have wisely edited the books to conform with modern tastes.

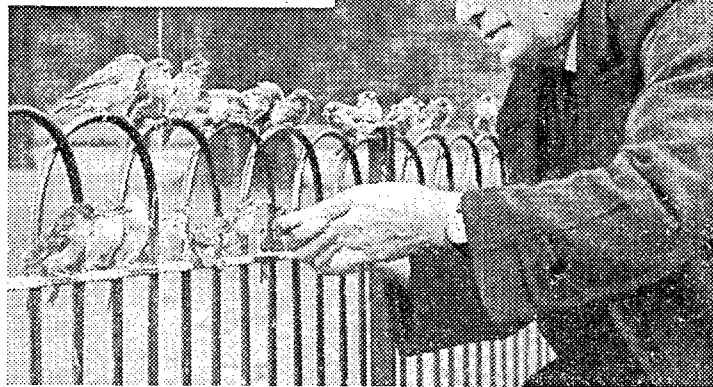
BIRDS ON THE WING

The annual migration of Britain's bird visitors will be studied closely during the next few weeks by members of the Junior Bird Recorders Club.

All along the coastline these watchers will gaze skyward as the birds fly to warmer lands, gaining much valuable information for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Good friends

Mr. Bertram Cave is so familiar to the London sparrows in Hyde Park that they flock to him to take titbits from his hands.



YOUNG FRIENDS OF ANIMALS

October 4 is World Day for Animals. This occasion is sponsored by the National Council for Animals' Welfare, to which more than 65,000 boys and girls over seven have pledged themselves to be kind to animals and birds.

The date was chosen because it is the day of St. Francis of Assisi, the champion of all dumb creatures. In finding ways of helping animals, the young people are following his example.

They work enthusiastically, individually or in groups, and are known as "Animals' Friends."

BRAVE ACT OF A FIVE-YEAR-OLD

Bruce Collison, of Maitland, New South Wales, is only five, but he is the proud possessor of a bronze medal for bravery awarded by the Royal Shipwreck, Relief, and Humane Society of Australia.

This little fellow was in a truck with his uncle and another man one night when it overturned and rolled down a steep bank, killing his uncle and pinning the other man underneath.

Bruce was thrown out of the vehicle, but in his dazed condition he climbed up the bank to the road in the dark, and walked more than a mile to a house and asked for help. This resulted in a rescue party getting on the scene without delay.

His grit and presence of mind saved a life. He did not cry; he just did all he could in terrible circumstances.

FROGMEN HARVEST SEAWEED

Frogmen have been helping to gather seaweed off the Scottish coast at Argyll.

The Scottish Institute of Seaweed Research enlisted the aid of the frogmen to observe new machinery designed for cutting and collecting seaweed in deep water, and locating seaweed suitable for commercial purposes.

LONG RUN

Mr. James Ravenscroft, one of the trumpeters in the Palm Court Orchestra at Scarborough, has completed a run of 7000 successive summer concerts on the Spa.

He first played there in 1916, but his continuous run did not begin until 1924.

TEXTILES FROM LINSEED

Every year more than 30 million tons of waste linseed straw are burnt by the world's farmers. But a Renfrewshire engineer has invented a machine which promises to turn the straw into textiles and other commodities.

Linseed is the dry ripe seeds of the flax plant, the long fibres of which are turned into linen. When the plant is grown for the production of linseed the fibres are short and until recently could not be separated from their woody stems.

The new machine, which is now in production in a Motherwell factory, is able to separate the short fibres from the stem, the salvaged fibres being used in the production of cloth, blankets, felt, and paper.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Next Monday is World Children's Day, and Dame Sybil Thorndike in a broadcast will remind the nation of the 1924 Declaration of the Rights of the Child, setting forth mankind's obligation to provide for children "the means requisite for their normal development, materially, morally, and spiritually."

ROYAL NEWSAGENT

A small shop in Bury Street, St. James's, London, has just completed 100 years of newspaper delivery to Buckingham Palace. This Royal Newsagent has served six Sovereigns.

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Meet Colonel Crook of Whirligig

Mr. Maggs the garageman introduces Colonel Crook, the car with a moustache, to Annette Mills, who will write the stories of their adventures for T V's Whirligig. See next column

GUIDE TO THE JET AGE

We stand on the threshold of an era of speeds which 50 years ago were undreamed of; and to understand it better we should read Sound Barrier (Cassell, 8s. 6d.).

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By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and Television Correspondent

Whirligig returns

NEXT Saturday is a red-letter day in Children's T V. Whirligig will return, this time with several new characters, including "Colonel Crook," a car with a moustache.

Its driver will be Mister Maggs of the West Country, who has a moustache like Colonel Crook's.

Humphrey Lestocq will be elbow-deep in trouble, as usual, with no help at all from his eccentric partner, Mr. Turnip. New characters on the scene will be Patricia Driscoll and Sheila Ward as weird domestic helps. "Hank" will be back with Francis Coudrill, "Sooty" transfers with Harry Corbett from Saturday Special, and Steve Race, at the piano, will find Room for Music.

All things nice

SUGAR AND SPICE, a new Children's TV programme to alternate with Whirligig on Saturdays, will begin on October 10. It will include another "Appleyards" serial and will be introduced by Augustus Peabody, best known to viewers of Music Hall.

Excursion flight

RECORDINGS made during a flight in a Viscount airliner from London Airport to Geneva will be heard in B B C Children's Hour on October 3 when Saturday Excursion returns after 18 months.

Alun Williams, with his recording gear, flies in the Viscount with Flt.-Lieut. "Johnny" Johnson, who only five days later will be second pilot of the only Viscount in the London-New Zealand Air Race which starts on October 8.

After the flight the programme will end with a sound picture of Whipsnade, where the animals are settling down in winter quarters.

Men in the Moon

INTER-PLANETARY fiction, so popular today, is no new thing, for it was more than 40 years ago that H. G. Wells delighted readers with The First Men in the Moon. Next Saturday from 6 to 6.15 p.m. in the Light Programme, this thrilling tale of space-travel will begin as a weekly dramatised radio serial specially adapted for young listeners by Lance Sieveking.

Cecil Truener plays Cavor, the man who journeys moonwards with "cavorite," a substance not subject to the laws of gravity.

Teleclub

YOUNGSTERS from all over the country will be invited to take part in Teleclub, a new fortnightly T V series in the evenings, beginning on October 9. Arranged in magazine fashion, Teleclub is intended for viewers between the ages of 16 and 21.

Items will range from dance music to advice about careers. In the careers section, a panel of young people (different every fortnight) will question an expert about prospects in a particular occupation.

PREPARING FOR WINTER AT THE CHILDREN'S ZOO

By Craven Hill, C N Correspondent at Regent's Park

AFTER a very successful season, despite poor weather in June and July, the Children's Zoo at Regent's Park will shortly be closing for the winter months. But much work will remain for the 12 young hostesses whose task it has been to ensure the smooth running of this popular section of the menagerie.

As soon as the Corner has closed its gates to visitors, new homes have to be found for the many animals which all summer have been entertaining young people from far and near.

Most of these tame and friendly creatures will be moved into the parent menagerie. Among them are some half-dozen young deer who, as a result of their numerous contacts with children, are now among the tamest of their kind the Zoo has ever had.

Fallow deer, most of them, they are being placed together in a nearby paddock for the winter, where their many human friends will still be able to feed and pet them, but only through the fence bars.

Whether these animals will retain their amiability sufficiently to make a reappearance in the Corner next season remains to be seen.

IN the "pheasantry annexe," near to the Children's Zoo enclosure, lives Silky, a domestic hen who must be feeling very proud of herself. Recently, when she was broody, keepers put under her four eggs laid by a Malayan "fireback" pheasant, and rather to their surprise, Silky hatched the lot!

The chicks, attractive little balls of fluff with bright red legs, are believed to be the first of their kind to be hatched in Britain.

"Their monetary value is high," Mr. John Yealland, curator of

birds, told me. "The mature Firebacks (so-called from the deep red patch of feathers on their backs) are rare birds over here, and are worth quite £15 a pair."

Silky is continuing her good work. Although she does not herself feed her foster-children, she takes them out daily for exercise and sees to it that they eat the fare the keepers put down for them—prepared insect food, gentles (larva of the flesh fly), lettuce, and hard-boiled egg.

AMONG the menagerie's fine herd of Royal White Goats are two big "billies," each sporting an imposing pair of horns. One of these animals has been selected to "join the Army"—as regimental mascot of the 4th Battalion, the Welch Regiment.

The Zoo's herd of these animals came from Windsor Great Park in 1939, and many young have been bred in the Gardens. Several of the finest "billies" bred there have subsequently become regimental mascots, and some are serving abroad with their units today.

Of all the male goats supplied as mascots, only one has ever been returned to the Zoo as being "unsatisfactory." This was one who objected strongly to Army life and showed his dislike by butting the sergeant-major whenever opportunity offered.

There must have been some old soldiers among the Zoo staff who regarded with respect—and perhaps a little envy—a goat who stood in so little awe of a sergeant-major.

Incidentally, this unco-operative "billy" had his way. He is now living in retirement at Whipsnade, where, so far, there have been "no complaints" concerning his conduct.

PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



44. The Vickers Varsity

Stemming from the famous Viking airliner and its military counterpart, the Valetta, the Vickers Varsity T Mk. 1 is what is commonly termed a "flying classroom." It provides facilities for simultaneously training R.A.F. navigators, bomb-aimers, pilots, and radio/radar operators.

On the flight deck are two pilot's seats with full dual controls; farther aft are the wireless operator and pupil, and behind them are positions for two radar navigation instructors with two pupils. Finally, in the rear of the cabin

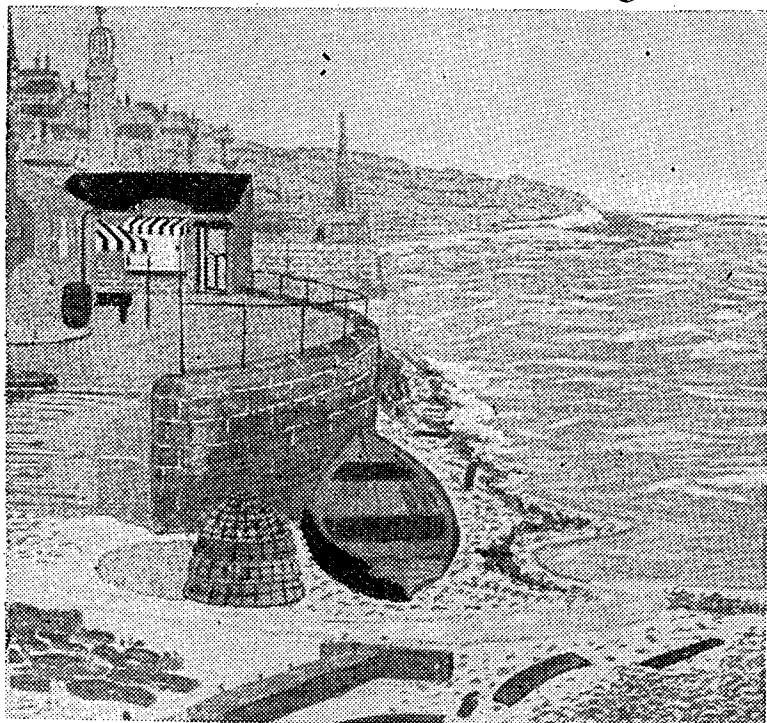
are additional seats for four other trainees.

Apart from the added length of the nose, which houses electronic equipment, the Varsity differs chiefly from its forebears by the addition of a large nacelle below the fuselage to accommodate a bomb-aimer instructor, his pupil, and 24 practice bombs.

Power is provided by two 1950 h.p. Bristol Hercules 265 radials, which give the Varsity a maximum cruising speed of 240 m.p.h. at 10,000 feet.

Span is 95 feet 7 inches, and length, 67 feet 6 inches.

Through the eyes of Britain's young artists



Morning Tide, by fifteen-year-old Gerald Park



Myself, by Angela Lewsley, aged seven



The Hat, by eleven-year-old Freda Hazlewood



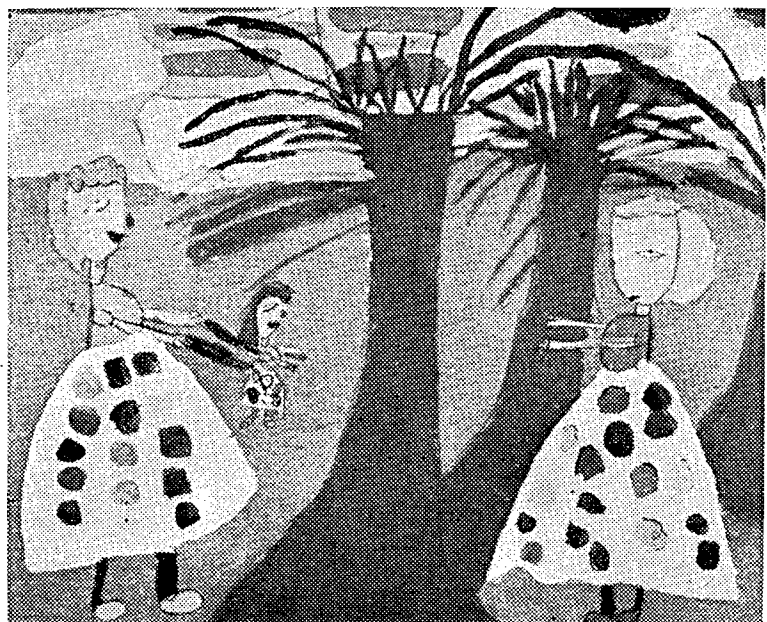
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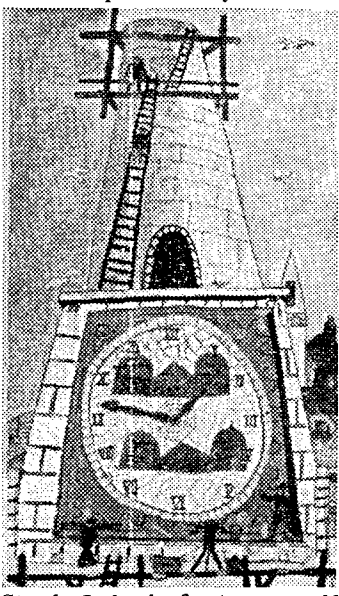
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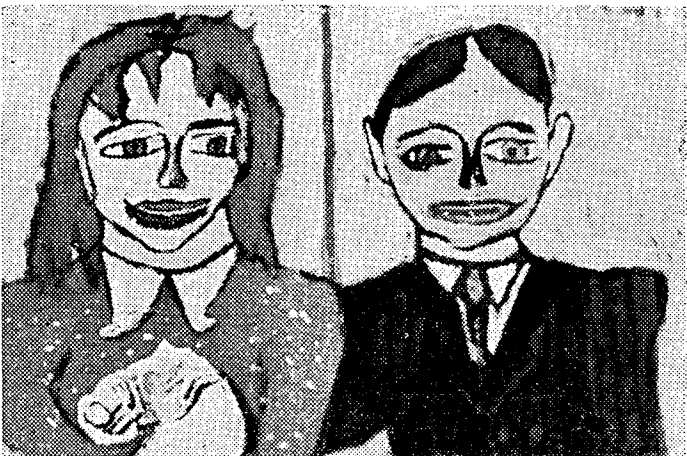
The Zebras Crossing, by Gillian Williams, aged twelve



Playing in the Woods, by Elaine Simkins, aged seven



Steeple Jacks, by fourteen-year-old Albert Welling



Proud Parents and their Offspring, by Patricia Brooks, aged eleven



Ginger and Sooty, by six-year-old Jeffery Owen

We give here a selection of the 300 remarkable paintings chosen from many thousands of entries for the sixth National Exhibition of Children's Art, organised by the Sunday Pictorial. The exhibition (which also includes

children's pottery and modelling) has had a showing in London and is now to tour Dundee, Aberdeen, Huddersfield, Wolverhampton, and Plymouth. Each of these towns will give a free showing for approximately one month.

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OUR FLYING MEN

WHEN jet pilots like Neville Duke zoom far above our heads at 700 miles an hour and more they are maintaining the grand traditions of British pioneering.

But it is important that we should all recognise their achievements not merely as record-breaking performances by intrepid men, but as carefully-planned experiments.

These Elizabethan flying men are blazing trails just as the great sea captains did in the first Elizabethan age. And like those brave forerunners they are doing it not for personal glory but as a plain job of work which they hope will keep their country to the fore.

This era of incredibly swift transport through the air is the outcome of all that was achieved by the early flying men who braved unknown dangers while lesser mortals asked: "What is the good of it all?" And the great airliners of today, carrying their passengers in safety and comfort thousands of miles in a few hours, are the direct descendants of the flimsy planes in which they flew.

The Jet Age men are the heirs of those immortals of yesteryear who, without any fuss, dedicated their skill and daring, even life itself, to the cause of progress and the service of mankind.

Thanks to the Youth Hostels

THIS has been a record summer for the Youth Hostels.

More young people than ever have been on long hostel-to-hostel tours, and more of them have cooked their own meals.

But their activities have not finished with the summer. Dozens of pick-and-shovel parties are to repair hostels and restore their gardens during the autumn months.

It is an admirable way of saying Thank You. Well done, Hostels and hostellers alike!

Let us destroy the squalor bug

DURING the war we heard a lot about the Squander Bug, the vicious little enemy of thrift who was attacking the nation's economy.

Today the country is suffering from another enemy in its midst—the Squalor Bug.

Nothing is sacred to this vandal. Cities, towns, villages, countryside, buses, trains, coaches, theatres, cinemas—he visits them all and leaves a disgusting trail of litter behind him.

There are few other countries in the world which would tolerate this disgrace. It is time we all helped to get rid of the Squalor Bug.

Lines written for a school speech

You'd scarce expect one of my age

To speak in public on the stage;
And if I chance to fall below
Demosthenes or Cicero,
Don't view me with a critic's eye,

But pass my imperfections by.
Large streams from little fountains flow,
Tall oaks from little acorns grow.

David Everett (1769-1813)

Under the Editor's Table

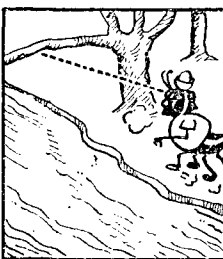
PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If engine drivers
let off steam

A visitor to this country says English girls are absolutely the tops. They certainly set things humming.

Some people have an eye for beauty. What is the other eye for?

BILLY BEETLE



Schoolboys are a strange band of creatures, someone has said. Without much brass.

A suspicious man says he keeps a watch on his neighbour. Awkward when he wants to know the time on holiday.

London bus drivers are said to be the best on the road. And the best on the bus.

Faster trains are to be run in the winter. People will still catch them.

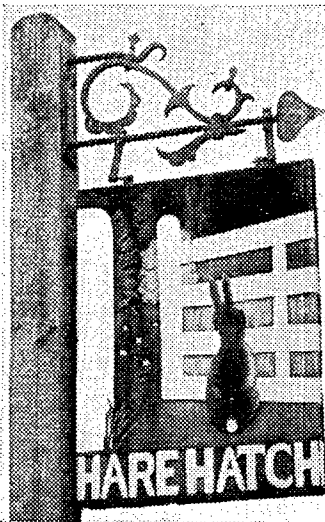
The Editor's Table

DUMB FRIEND

By the light from the kitchen window (writes a correspondent) we spotted a hedgehog curled up in the corner of the yard. Like all good country folk, we put down a saucer of milk, as close to the animal as we could without disturbing it.

We were a little taken aback next morning to find the milk still there. Our kindness had been wasted on a bristly brush.

Village signs—10



This timber sign is on the green at Harehatch in Berkshire.

Not what it meant

WE like the story of a young waitress in a Devon hotel who was annoyed because a notice was put up nearby, reading: "No tipping unless authorised by the Kingsbridge R.D.C."

She was afraid that not all visitors would realise that the notice merely forbade the dumping of rubbish there.

Let us hope she was able to give them the tip as to its real meaning.

Out and about

IN the bigger hedgerows, or on the outskirts of woods, the hazel trees invite closer inspection.

Instead of the flowers of Spring, including the hanging "lambs' tails" that were the male catkins, there are now clusters of nuts, often hidden by the green leaves. The nuts are now turning brown, especially the round "cob" nuts. (The oval ones are called filberts.)

Among wild creatures that like the hazel nuts is the little field mouse, who often makes a grass nest under the hedgerow. If you are quiet you may see one returning with a nut to put into his winter store. C. D. D.

Autumn beauty

Autumn's earliest frost had given
To the woods below
Hues of beauty, such as heaven
Lendeth to its bow;
And the soft breeze from the west
Scarcely broke their dreamy
rest.

J. G. Whittier

Clothes maketh the doctor

A WHITE doctor in Uganda has found that dress can be as important as a bedside manner.

He was giving an open-air talk on health when the villagers suddenly deserted him and crowded round a witch-doctor who had just arrived.

The European doctor had an idea. He went off, procured a similar garb to the witch-doctor's—skins and monkeys' tails—and then came back wearing it instead of his usual uniform, that of the Uganda Medical Department.

That did the trick! The natives were sure now that he was a real doctor, and they returned to listen attentively to his advice on up-to-date methods of hygiene.

Dutch courtesy

MAIDSTONE and District Motor Services has received a letter from Holland. It was from seven Dutch boys who while on holiday in England this summer accidentally broke the glass of a bus time-table case.

They apologised, expressed a hope that the 7s. worth of stamps enclosed would make good the damage, and signed the letter with seven crosses.

Says an official of the company: "It would be very nice if everyone were as conscientious about settling for damage as these young visitors."

Thirty Years Ago

IT is not often we hear of aircraft suffering in a thunderstorm, but three balloons were struck by lightning in the balloon race for the Gordon-Bennett Cup.

It is so unusual for aircraft to be struck by lightning that scientific men are trying to account for this disaster. Some think the aluminium paint which now takes the place of varnish on balloons may have attracted the lightning, while others believe that the damage was done not by lightning but by a number of very small meteors.

From the Children's Newspaper, October 6, 1923

THEY SAY . . .

THE London parks are an absolute disgrace . . . I should like a competition in civic pride for cleanliness and absence of litter in all our cities.

Mr. Attlee

HAD it not been for the wise and far-sighted policies of Britain toward what were once dependent communities, the Commonwealth would not exist today.

Prime Minister of Canada

THE door to the conference room is the door to peace.

Mr. Adlai Stevenson

THE man of science tends to shut out moral and spiritual considerations, while the religious believer is inclined to shut out the physical. What is needed is a balancing of the two.

Sir Henry Self

FREEDOM, which includes the freedom to make mistakes, is an important condition of adventurous voluntary action.

Extract from the Nuffield Foundation Report

GOOD handwriting is one of the fundamentals of education we are in danger of forgetting.

The Minister of Education

Think on These Things

THE road from Jerusalem to Jericho was full of danger in the days of Jesus.

Thirteen hundred feet below sea level, and winding down among rocks and caves, it was the haunt of robbers who hid waiting to molest lonely travellers.

One day they attacked a Jewish traveller and left him for dead. (St. Luke, chapter 10.)

Two good people, belonging to his race and faith, should have helped, but they made excuses to neglect the wounded man; and it was a Samaritan who eventually tended to his needs and rescued him.

That act came as a great surprise to many people because Jews and Samaritans were not on good terms.

Now, as then, the world needs Samaritans who, because they love God, help others in need whatever their race or faith.

F. P.

JUST AN IDEA

As William Penn wrote: Sincerity goes farther than capacity.



OUR HOMELAND

The Gloucestershire village of Bourton-on-the-Hill

RENDEZVOUS SOU' WEST

Scouts and scientists to explore unknown Tasmanian coast

A GROUP of Australian scientists and Senior Scouts will soon be setting out on a combined operation to explore one of Australia's wildest and least-known spots—the 20-mile zone around Port Davey, on the rugged south-west coast of Tasmania.

The venture has been given the picturesque title of Rendezvous Sou' West and will involve an amphibious landing, a 12-day camp, and the exploration of wild, windy, desolate country where few white men have ever been.

Port Davey is about 100 miles from Hobart, Tasmania's capital, and has one of the best harbours in the world; yet the district is uninhabited except for one family and a few tin miners.

The rocky, treacherous coast and its stormy seas have discouraged any attempts at development from the sea, and rough mountain country, penetrable by only three or four trails, makes the inland approach difficult.

Oddly enough, the last expedition to visit Port Davey went from England to watch the solar eclipse of 1910. The astronomers waited patiently for a month without once seeing the sun. They left disap-

pointed, and afterwards said they considered Port Davey to be the most inhospitable piece of country they had ever seen in a habitable, developed land.

Rendezvous Sou' West will be led by Mr. Noel Needham, Commissioner for Senior Scouts in Victoria. The scientific research team will be led by Mr. C. S. Christian, officer in charge of the land research and regional survey section of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

The expedition will be the first in Australia where Scouts have teamed with scientists. It will consist of 150 Senior Scouts, all of whom are holders of the coveted Bushman's Thong or the Seaman's Badge, together with an administrative and service staff of 50 and about 13 scientists.

100 APPLICANTS

Victorian Scouts will make up most of the party, but quotas of volunteers from other States will also accompany them. The Boy Scouts' Association in Melbourne has already received 100 or more applications from members anxious to accompany the expedition, which will leave Melbourne by plane for Hobart on December 27 and the next day sail for Port Davey in a chartered freighter of 4000 tons.

At Port Davey they will land from amphibious vehicles or ship's boats, and will pitch a base camp at Bramble Cove, a sheltered inlet.

FILLING THE BLANK SPOTS

The latest Admiralty chart of Port Davey shows the coastline in dotted lines. This expedition will help to fill in the blank spots.

Other studies and projects for the expedition include the study of land forms and their origins and the study of soils. These groups will gather evidence to decide whether Port Davey is a fjord or a submerged river valley.

Botanists and naturalists will gather specimens, and engineering students will examine the region with a view to possible development.

RADIO-ACTIVITY IN THE ENGINE

A radio-active piston ring for measuring the rate of wear in an engine has been publicly demonstrated in London by the Shell-Mex and B.P. firm.

The wear is measured by the detection in the engine's oil of radio-active particles, rubbed off the piston ring in the course of its normal working in the cylinder.

The piston ring was originally just an ordinary iron one—until it had been in the atomic pile at Harwell for about four weeks. From that modern wizard's furnace it emerged transformed, a dangerous object emitting radio-activity, which is harmful to living flesh. It had to be picked up with a long-handled tool, and transported in a container made of lead to absorb the radiations.

SAFEGUARDS

The men fitting it into the demonstration engine had to take the same precautions, wearing gloves and eyeshields, and using long-handled tools. Once covered up inside the engine, however, the piston ring's radiation was reduced to a harmless intensity, and on-lookers were safe from it.

This process of using a radio-active piston ring makes possible extremely accurate measurement of an engine's wear while it is running. The wear is electronically calculated, and the results of the calculations are recorded continuously on a graph while the engine is running.

A millionth of an ounce of metal can be detected in the oil.

Part of the demonstration consisted of a film which will shortly be available for general showing by any society, club, or institution. Inquiries about it should be sent to, Trade Relations Department, Shell-Mex House, London, W.C.2.

NEW RUBBER FOOTBALL

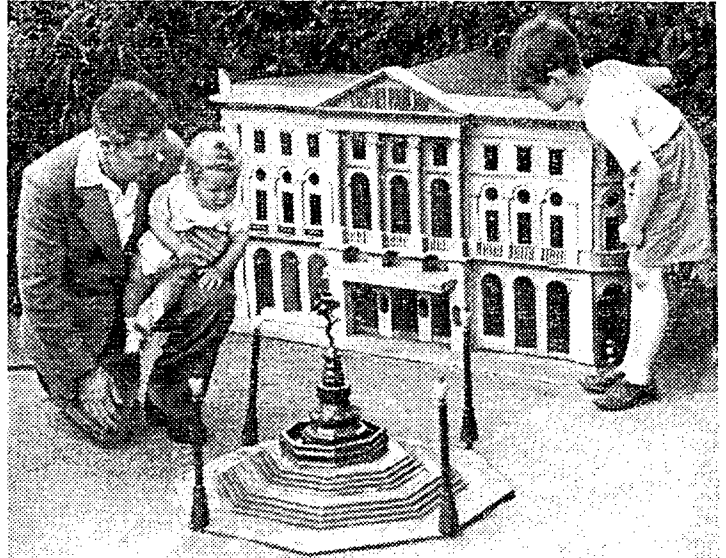
Good news for young Soccer players is the production by Dunlop of a 25s. full-size football made of rubber.

The result of two years' research to find a compound matching as far as possible the qualities of leather, the new ball remains inflated for 14 days, and can then be blown up by a bicycle pump.

Fascination of models



A miniature village at Ramsgate



Piccadilly Circus in the Lilliput Garden at Ripley, Surrey

PAKISTAN HAS BIG SCHEMES

America has promised to help Pakistan with the development of an area in the Dominion almost as big as Great Britain.

This region, which includes Baluchistan, has at present only about half-a-million inhabitants, but if the land were properly developed it could support some millions of people. There is ample rain, but much of the water is lost because there are no dams on the rivers.

The plans include the planting of forests, the building of a new seaport, and the exploitation of what are believed to be rich mineral resources.

CHEAP AND DEAR FARES

In America, it seems, there are the cheapest and also the most expensive public transport rides in the world.

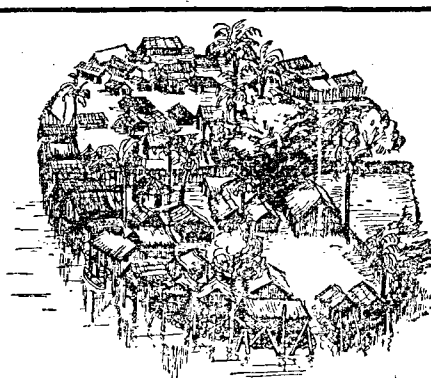
An article in a New York magazine states that the cheapest ride appears to be on the subway in New York, where a flat-rate system operates.

For 15 cents (about 11d.) it is possible to travel from the Bronx to Coney Island, a distance of more than 32 miles at about a third-of-a-penny a mile.

On the public transport in Los Angeles the flat rate is 2s., which must be paid even if the journey is only a few yards.

Empire Mosaic—43

by Ridgway



ARTIFICIAL ISLETS

Solomon Islanders build artificial islets in shoal water within the outer protecting reefs. Stones are taken by raft

to the site and dumped into the sea until the "islet" rises well above the highest tide. Sandy soil is then placed on the stones and then trees are planted. The people who inhabit these islands call themselves TOO-I-ASI (Sea people).



WEST INDIES REVEL

At New Year and other festive seasons the natives of the Windward Islands wear a headdress, gaily decorated with tinsel, which is shaped like a kite.

SEEING THE WORLD

Last year a 24-year-old Swiss Rover Scout, Kurt Hosli, left his quiet village to see the world and find adventure. Not long ago he turned up at Salisbury in Rhodesia, dusty and weary after more adventures in a few months than most people experience in a lifetime.

His first one was at Cairo, where an anti-British mob mistook him for an Englishman because he was wearing Scout uniform. He was roughly handled until he managed to get out his Swiss passport.

From Cairo he went up the Nile to Omdurman and on to Uganda and the Belgian Congo.

In the Congo his host asked him to go buffalo shooting.

"Thinking that buffalo were like cattle, I agreed, so that I could take some photographs," he said.

"On a treeless plain covered with long grass we suddenly saw a large buffalo bull appear from out of the grass 30 yards in front of us. I tried to focus my camera on it, but in a split second my friend had shot at it and it was charging for me.

"My friend shouted to me to dive to the ground, which I did, and the buffalo changed its direction."

On another occasion natives on a farm where he was staying caught a "small" crocodile nine feet long. "We tried to tie it up, but while I tried to slip a noose around its neck its jaws clamped on my right arm. I tugged violently and finally got my arm free."

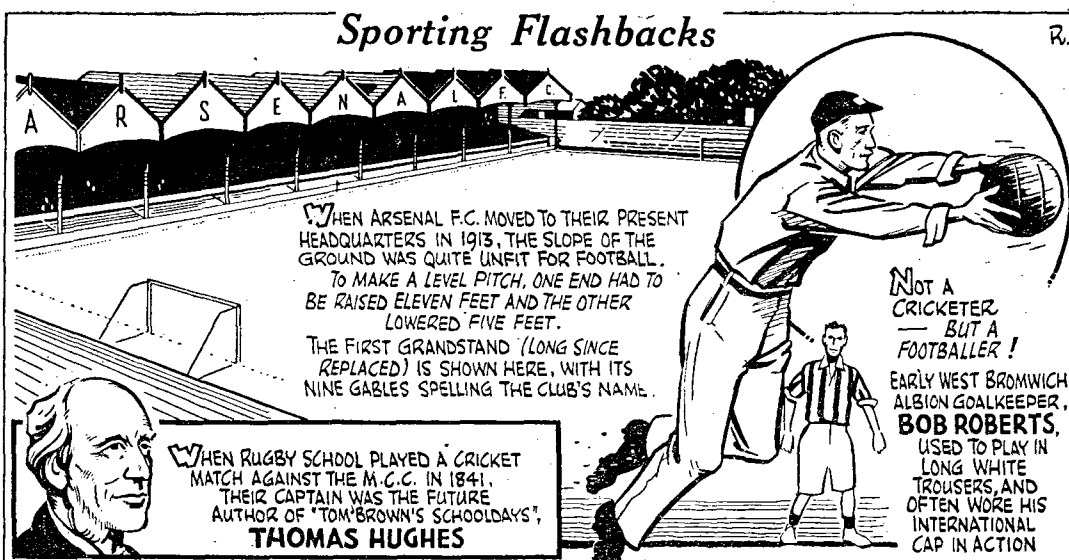
With a cheery grin and a tune on his accordion, Kurt is now on his way again, doubtless finding new friends and more adventures.

LEAFY WARWICKSHIRE

Warwickshire County Council are determined to maintain the reputation of "leafy Warwickshire."

Trees are to be planted along roadside verges, and 1500 saplings are being placed along the Coleshill bypass. To avoid the monotony of lines of trees, copses are being planted at intervals.

Sporting Flashbacks



SMUGGLERS OF PILGRIMS TO MECCA

Naval men are equal to any task—even to intercepting illegal pilgrims to Mecca. It is all in a day's work to a sailor. A naval officer to whose lot such a task fell describes the incident in Gangway, the excellent magazine of the High School for Nautical Training at Kingston-upon-Hull.

Captain Paddison, G.M., working for the Sudan Government, was in a tug attending to beacons on the coast when, approaching an anchorage, he saw three dhows. He also saw white-robed figures leaving one of the boats and running along a sand-spit to the shore,

and guessed they were "illegal pilgrims."

The Sudan Government insists that all pilgrims leaving the country for Mecca must travel by the official routes. There are various regulations to be observed, and not least is that they must leave a cash deposit so that if they are destitute when they return they will not become a charge to the State. Willy dhow skippers are aware of this, and undertake to smuggle pilgrims across the Red Sea.

Captain Paddison landed a party and rounded up the unofficial pilgrims. They were Nigerians who had probably been several years on their long trek across Africa, staying here and there to earn enough to make the next stage of their journey. On such pilgrimages babies are born and people die.

This party had been without water for four days, and many of them, particularly six babies in arms, were in a very bad way. Captain Paddison at once sent water tanks ashore, and some force had to be used to ensure that all the poor thirst-crazed pilgrims got an equal share.

Yet it was found that the water barrels of the dhows in which they

had proposed making the 150-mile voyage to Saudi Arabia were empty!

Captain Paddison sent a radio message to Port Sudan for police lorries to come out and collect these pitiable souls, whose devotion to their creed had led them to endure untold hardships.

Some of the wayfarers had run away into the hills and could not be found. For these there was little hope, as there is no water for many miles in that part of the desert.

LINE ON BIRDS

A demonstration of the memory of the house-sparrow is recounted in the 1953 Bird Report of the Merseyside Naturalists' Association.

The president, Mr. E. E. Preece, states that some house-sparrows developed the habit of alighting on a disused clothes line before picking up food put out for them on the ground.

When the line was taken away the sparrows continued to hover at the previous level for several seconds before dropping to the ground. In some cases this practice continued for two or three days after the line's removal.

BREAKDOWN LED TO FORTUNE

The story of a man who made a fortune because his car broke down is told in the Cyprus Review. He is Mr. Polis Kikkides, a Cypriot who owns a wolfram mine between Uganda and the Belgian Congo. Wolfram is a scarce mineral that looks like black sand, and is used in the making of high-tensile steels.

Mr. Kikkides originally went to Uganda to mine tin. One day he was driving up a steep hill when his car developed a fault, and he had to get out to adjust it. Looking round him in this out-of-the-way place he was struck by the appearance of some black earth. He had little knowledge of geology, but he picked up a handful of the earth and took it away.

It was wolfram, and now he owns a square mile of that hillside, and the mineral his workmen dig out is worth £1500 a ton. He is installing machinery which he expects will increase the output from five tons a month to about 50 tons.

THE JUNGLE AS IT REALLY IS

Some popular illusions about the jungle—some of them spread by the films—are dispelled by a young soldier serving in Malaya, Mr. A. T. Hickman. In a recent issue of Camping and Outdoor Life he writes:

Wild animals do not roam all over the place all day... One does not find huge snakes slithering down every tree trunk, or the gaping jaws of crocodiles waiting for one at every river.

I have been operating in all kinds of jungle and swamp for nearly a year now and I have never seen a snake.

I never once saw a crocodile, although I have often found traces of their movements. I have found tiger tracks a few hours old many times, and have been within 50 yards of a wild bear, whose tracks I followed, but never have I seen either of these animals.

THE REAL ROBINSON CRUSOE—the strange life-story of Alexander Selkirk (4)



Selkirk's clothes became completely worn out, but he ingeniously made himself garments of goatskins. He used a nail for a needle and thin strips of goatskin for thread. The knife he had brought with him was worn to the back and useless, but he made others of iron hoops he found on the shore, sharpening them on stones.



He now had a large collection of cats living with him, and they rid him entirely of the troublesome rats. He also had some kids he had caught, and these too became very tame. Probably the companionship of his animal friends saved him from losing his reason. He often amused himself by singing to them.



His shoes wore out but he soon became used to going barefoot. His gunpowder was exhausted, but he developed great running powers and could overtake the wild goats and catch them with his bare hands. He took to gardening and cultivated turnips which had been sown by previous visitors to the island.



During the following months he saw several ships, but to his bitter disappointment they all passed the island without seeing his signals. But one day two vessels approached and dropped anchor in the bay, and small boats put out from them for the shore. In frantic excitement Selkirk ran down to the beach.

Will these visitors turn out to be friendly to a British castaway? See next week's instalment

The Children's Newspaper, October 3, 1953

Thrilling serial of mystery and adventure in Switzerland

DANGER MOUNTAIN

by Patrick Pringle

Jack and Robin Hilton are with their parents in Switzerland. The boys go out skiing with a Swiss girl named Junge. They see a man climb up the back of their hotel and steal an attaché case from one of the rooms. They chase him on toboggans, and Junge, on skis, cuts him off on the edge of a forest. The boys hear her cry out, and then her voice is smothered.

5. The attack

JACK rushed through the forest as fast as he could go, heedless of branches and undergrowth, shielding his eyes with his hands. Robin followed as well as he could but was soon several yards behind.

The strong glare of sun and snow was like a blinding light when Jack suddenly came out of the forest. His grip on his stick tightened as he saw two figures struggling in the snow a few yards ahead.

Junge was underneath, and the man had gripped her ankles and twisted her legs so that her face was buried in the snow. He was trying to take off her skis, and as Jack broke clear he saw Junge give a sudden lunge that drove the man back for a moment.

With his first step Jack sank knee-deep in powdery snow. He floundered forward, wading rather than walking, while the man still struggled with Junge. She let out a yelp of pain as he twisted her legs again; then she caught him full in the face with the flat of her ski, and he reeled back. The next moment Jack was on him.

Robin in danger

The man had no weapon of any sort, but Jack aimed a hard blow with his stick. The man ducked, and took it on his shoulder. Jack tried to follow it with another, but he tripped and half fell forward. The man sprang on him and sent him crashing down in the snow.

Jack lost his stick, and for a moment he could not see. Then he felt the man's weight released, and got to his knees. He saw Junge trying to rise too, but at once his attention was drawn to another figure.

Robin had arrived.

The younger boy must have come out while Jack was still struggling with the man. He had seen something that Jack had not noticed—the stolen attaché case, lying in the snow a few yards away.

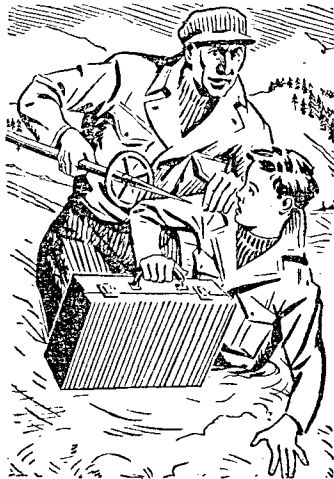
The man had let go of Jack when he saw Robin going for the case, but he was too late to get there first. Robin, however, was almost up to his waist in snow, and could hardly move at all. The man seized his chance and snatched up one of Junge's ski sticks. Then he advanced on Robin, holding the stick with the sharp point directed at the boy.

"Give it up, Robin!" shouted Jack, as Robin, still clutching the case, tried to scramble away. Jack himself had got to his feet

and tried to cut the man off. But he was outdistanced, and again shouted to his brother to let the man have the case.

Robin made a desperate effort to throw the case to Jack, but the snow hampered his movements. The man plunged forward to snatch it up, then ran for the forest and disappeared among the trees.

The man had seen the boys' toboggans, and as Jack emerged from the forest he was sitting astride one and was taking the other in tow. Then he was going on down the



Robin, still clutching the case, tried to scramble away

hill, handling the toboggans with professional ease.

"We've had it," Jack told Junge and Robin when they joined him. As they looked, a curve in the road took the man out of sight.

"Could you recognise him again?" Jack asked.

Junge nodded.

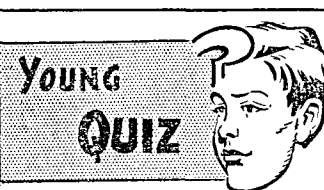
"He had a birthplace," she said.

"A birthplace? You mean birthmark?"

"Yes—on his right cheek."

"I saw that," confirmed Robin. "And he had a long nose and hidden eyes."

"Hidden? You mean deep-set?"



- 1 What is a native of Manchester called?
- 2 Who reigned first: Elizabeth I or Edward the Confessor?
- 3 Truculent means aggressive, angry, or sulky?
- 4 Is a lead pencil made of lead?
- 5 How many Soccer clubs are there in the First Division?
- 6 A waxing moon is getting larger or smaller?
- 7 What is The Wash?
- 8 Dickens was a 17th, 18th, or 19th-century writer?

Answers on page 12

"Yes, I suppose so."

"Well, that's enough to go on with," said Jack. "We'd better get to the village and tell the police."

"We shall be back before he can reach Frutigen, even with the toboggans," said Junge. "If we telephone the police at Frutigen they may catch him."

Junge carried her skis and walked back with the boys. It was already dark when they reached Edelberg again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton were waiting for them.

"Where on earth have you been?" Their father sounded angry. "We were just going to send out a search-party for you."

"We've been chasing a thief," announced Robin, rather proudly.

"What's all this about a thief, Jack?" asked Mr. Hilton.

"We chased one, and he got away. We'd better get on to the police at Frutigen."

"You'd better tell me what it's all about," said his father.

Worried manager

They were still standing just inside the hotel entrance, and Jack did not bother to keep his voice down. Other visitors, hearing the word "thief," went over to find out what it was all about. The news that someone had broken into one of the hotel bedrooms was enough to send them hurrying upstairs to find out if anything was missing from their own rooms.

The hotel manager came forward in a state of alarm.

"This is terrible," he said, wringing his hands. "If something has been stolen—"

"I think my boy's right," said Mr. Hilton. "We ought to get on to the police at Frutigen straight away."

The manager winced at the word "police" but promised to ring up and give them a description of the thief.

"You must have been very close to him to see all that," said Mr. Hilton suspiciously, when Jack had finished. "You didn't try to arrest him yourselves, did you?"

"Well—"

"I see," Mr. Hilton looked grim. "Why didn't you raise the alarm when you first saw him?"

"We should have done," admitted Jack. "But at first we didn't know for certain that he was a thief, and then it was too late."

"It wasn't Jack's fault," broke in Robin. "He told me to go back and tell you."

"Then why didn't you?"

Robin was saved the necessity of replying by the return of the hotel manager.

"I have telephoned Frutigen," he said. He added unhappily: "Perhaps you will look in your rooms to see if anything is missing—"

"The thief only went into the Professor's room—Dr. Marcus's, I

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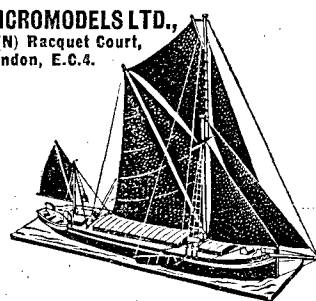
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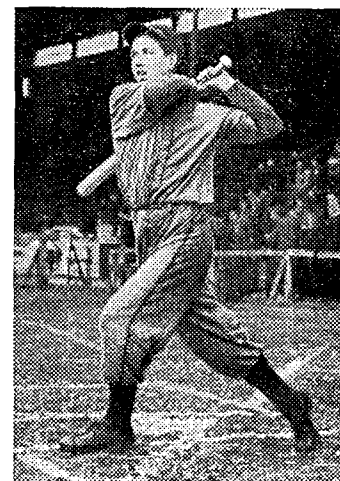
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SOCCER visits to this country are well in the fashion. First we had the arrival of a team from Trinidad, then a party from South Africa, and now comes the Fener Bache F.C., from Istanbul, who are champions of Turkey. Eight of the team are internationals.

RED golf balls which show up on their white coral courses are to be supplied to golfers of the Cocos Islands.



Terry Farley, 15, of Sutton, Surrey, playing in a baseball match at Mitcham Stadium. He was taught the game by U.S.A. and Canadian airmen stationed near his home.

BRIAN PASSINGHAM, of Romford, gained a reputation as a batsman at school, but he lost his favourite bat and gave up the game. He changed his mind, however, joined a local club, and took up bowling. In one match recently he took five wickets for six runs and then scored 117.

In the recent Women's Junior A.A.A. Championships, 15-year-old Stella Moore, of Romford, Essex, retained her high jump title with a leap of 4 feet 7 inches. Stella is also Southern Counties W.A.A.A. junior high jump champion.

In last year's girls' golf championship, 15-year-old Angela Ward was knocked out in the first round. This year she reached the final, only to be beaten by 18-year-old Susan Hill. A pupil at Battle Abbey School, Sussex, she is a fine all-round sportswoman.

SUSAN TOLTON, 14-year-old Worthing schoolgirl, won the 110-yard girls' back-stroke title at the A.S.A. championships at Blackpool, and was immediately chosen to swim for England against Scotland this month. A week later she set up a new English record of 66.2 seconds for the 100 yards women's back-stroke.

ANN HAYDON, 14-year-old pupil of King's Norton Grammar School, appears to have a great future in both table tennis and lawn tennis. Already Britain's junior table tennis champion, in her first attempt at the Wimbledon Junior Championships she reached the semi-final.

GORDON KING, an Eastbourne shop assistant, who has been competing in cycle racing for only two years, has now won all Hastings and St. Leonards C.C. championships from 10 miles to 12 hours—and each in record time.

BILL JOHNSTON, the Australian bowler, finished the England tour with a batting average of 102, a feat surpassed only by Sir Donald Bradman. Johnston, who does not pretend to be a batsman, was only once out in 17 innings, his record being carefully nursed by his skipper and other players towards the end of the season.

GERALD WARD, 16-year-old outside-left of Arsenal, became the youngest player to be capped for England when he played in the amateur international against Ireland. In the following international, against South Africa, another young outside-left made his first appearance—19-year-old Miles Spector, of Chelsea F.C.

DANGER MOUNTAIN

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mean," said Jack. "We saw him climb in, and then come out with the attaché case."

"But if you would please make sure—"

"Yes, of course," said Mr. Hilton. "Come on," he told his sons.

They arranged to meet Junge the next morning, and then followed their father upstairs. As they had expected, nothing was missing; and when they went down again they were not surprised to learn that the other visitors reported the same. All the occupied rooms were accounted for except one—the Professor's. Dr. Marcus had spent the afternoon watching ice hockey, and had not yet returned.

He was still not back when the boys had had tea. They went back to their room to read for a while, but they found it hard, with so much else on their minds, to concentrate. Some time later they returned to the lounge.

"Is he back?" they asked their father.

"Who?"
"The Professor, of course."
"Oh, yes. And everything's all right. There's nothing missing from his room."

The boys stared.
"You mean nothing but the attaché case," said Jack.

"He didn't say anything about an attaché case. He just said nothing was missing. Go and ask him yourselves—he's out in the hall with the manager."

Dr. Marcus was evidently cracking a joke with the manager, because they were both laughing heartily.

"Excuse me," said Jack. The Professor turned and beamed on the boys.

"Ah, I have been hearing all about your gallant chase," he said. "You must tell me the full story."

"I'm sorry we let him get away with your attaché case," said Jack.

"Attaché case?" The Professor looked puzzled. "But I did not have one."

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 "Yes, I did."
 "Did it have a happy ending?"
 "Oh, yes. The audience seemed delighted at the final curtain."

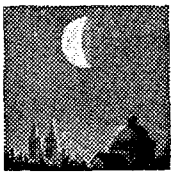
What am I?

I HAVE just five letters and I'm a sharp tip;
 I will measure your milk, when one letter's let slip;
 Take another and now I'm sharp once again;
 But if I lose another, within I remain;
 Then split me in half and, curiously,
 I still am all there. Now, what can I be?

Answer next week

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter will be low in the east. In the morning Venus and Mars will be in the south-east. Our picture shows the Moon as it will appear at 7.30 on Thursday morning, October 1.



Quick cure

THERE was an old lady of Fakenham,
 Whose legs had a terrible ache in 'em;
 As she felt very weak
 She went off to Creaka,
 Where they made her legs better by bakin' 'em.

BEDTIME CORNER

OLD GRUMPY

JACK and Jill went up the hill to fetch some groceries from the little village stores.

It was almost closing-time and the shop was full. While they waited Jill said: "Let's hide till all the people have gone, and then jump out and give Old Grumpy a fright."

Now Mr. Penny, the grocer, was not at all grumpy, but he was old and rather slow, and if he looked solemn and said little it was because he was so busy.

When Jack grinned, and said, "Yes, let's," they squeezed down in a dark corner, and kept as quiet as mice. But when the last customer walked out, to their surprise Mr. Penny went out after her, shut the door, and turned the key.

They were prisoners!

Jack looked ready to cry.

"Don't be a baby," Jill said.



"We'll shout and bang on the door till someone comes."

But though they shouted and banged their hardest no one came.

Suddenly, through a window, they caught sight of their little dog, Trickster, who had come to look for them. Directly he saw them he jumped up and down and began to bark.

And he barked and barked, making such a noise that people came out to see what it was all about.

And at last Mr. Penny came and unlocked the door and let them out.

Oh, how he laughed when he heard their story. He was not a bit angry. Indeed, he filled their basket, and among the parcels he slipped two big bars of chocolate cream.

They never called him Old Grumpy again.

JACKO'S BARGAIN MADE LIGHT OF HIS BURDEN



With his birthday money Jacko picked up a bargain at an auction sale.

What's their line?

CAN you name the different trades or professions of six people by finding the answers to the clues below?

1. Position + teacher.
2. A sign + human being.
3. Horse's home + lad.
4. Martial musical instrument + army officer.
5. Flat dish + one who lays.
6. Machine + kind of golf club.

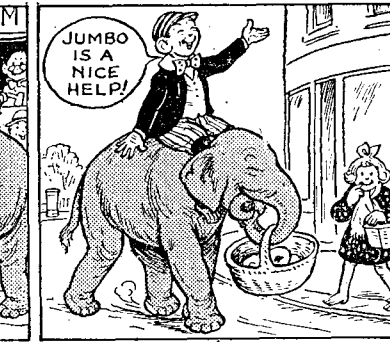
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Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS: 1 Fruit. 5 Cash on delivery. 8 Eager. 9 Inlet. 10 Lukewarm. 12 Males. 13 Commands. 16 Silent. 17 Reasons. 20 French for friend. 21 He works underwater. 24 Ceremony. 25 Travelled on horseback. 26 Before. 27 Joined with needle and thread.

READING DOWN: 1 Rug. 2 Level. 3 Keep a stiff upper. 4 Repulsive. 5 Heavenly body. 6 Finished. 7 Thick. 11 Dehydrated. 14 Wish for. 15 Frighten. 16 Completely. 18 Mohammedan ruler. 19 Yield. 22 Oath. 23 Colour.

Answer next week



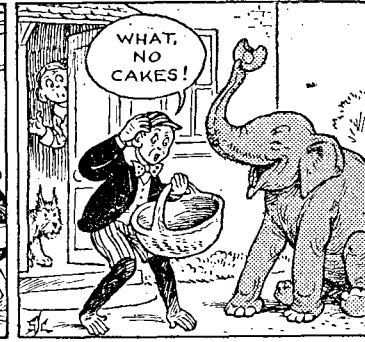
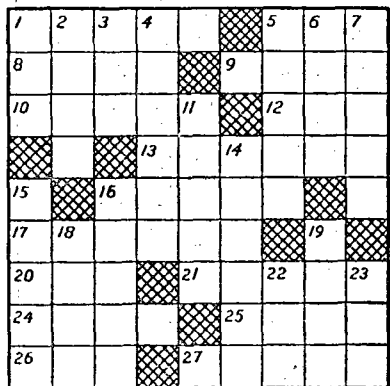
It was so pleasant to ride home letting Jumbo carry the basket.

What did he mean?

IT was an Irishman who remarked: "If you put certain people on an uninhabited island they would not be there a day before they had their hands in the pockets of the naked savages."

Three million bats...

... are estimated to fly out of the caverns at Carlsbad, in New Mexico, every evening during the summer months.



But Jacko found that even a baby elephant never forgets—to eat!

Puzzle for Auntie

"How many children in your class, Colin?" asked his visiting aunt.

"Well," said Colin, "we have four rows, with the same number of children in each row. There are five more boys than girls in the first row, three more girls than boys in the second row, four girls in the third row, and five girls in the fourth row. Altogether there are two more boys than girls in the class."

Auntie worked it out. Can you?

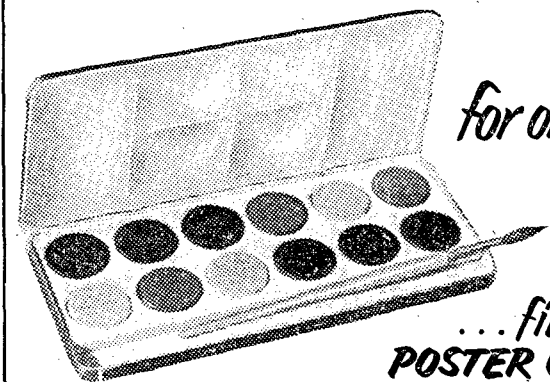
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Sammy Simple

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